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In re Application of: K. TOMOYORI	: Art Unit: 1756
Appln. No. : 10/802,452	:
Filed : March 17, 2004	: Examiner: M. A. Chapman
Title : IMAGE FORMING METHOD	:

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RULE 131 DECLARATION

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I, the below-signed, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the named Inventor in the above-identified U.S. Application.

2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified U.S. Application, including the claims.

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3. I invented the subject matter taught and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Application at least as early as December 21, 2001.

4. To evidence the fact that I invented the subject matter taught and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application at least as early as December 21, 2001, attached is a copy of Published Japanese Patent Application JP2001-389232, filed December 21, 2001 and published as Publication No. JP2003-186235A, published July 3, 2003. I am the named Inventor of this Japanese Application and I invented the subject matter taught and claimed in this Japanese Application.

5. I confirm that each of the examples disclosed in the '232 Japanese Patent Application were, in fact, performed by me or under my direct supervision and control and such examples evidence the actual reduction to practice of the invention taught and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Application.

6. Also attached is an English Translation of the '232 Japanese Patent Application.

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Dated: This 12 day of July, 2006

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